

JANUARY 15, 2009**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Kenneth Higgins Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Joseph Dooris Councilman
Paul Smith Highway Superintendent
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk

Also: Harry Balz, Tom Johansen, Matt Simpson, Martin Meade and Brandon Himoff.

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris and Higgins, all ayes.

January Abstracts:

RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2009

Messrs. Hill & Dooris introduced Res. 25 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JANUARY ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the January Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 1-15	\$85,846.36
General Vouchers # 1-34	\$29,136.27
Hwy Abstract # 2	\$11,935.54
General Abstracts # 38 & 2	\$ 4,613.29

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Communications:

Association of Towns	RE: Information for Annual Meeting
TD Banknorth	RE: Signers Certificate
Horicon Free Library	RE: Slate of Officers

Old Business:

Authorizing payment for new truck due any day.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2009

Messrs. Hill & Dooris introduced Res. 26 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR 2009
STERLING LT9500 CHASSIS W/TENCO PLOW PACKAGE
AND ARROWHEAD EQUIPMENT PROPOSAL #7837-2**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment to Tracey Road Equipment of East Syracuse, New York of \$170,865.00 for a 2009 Sterling LT9500 Chassis w/Tenco Plow Package and Arrowhead Equipment Proposal #7837-2 purchased on State Contract, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the funds to pay for this equipment will be \$82,000.00 in Bond Anticipation Notes and \$88,650.00 from Machinery Equipment Code 5130.2.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Sell by Bid 1997 pick-up-

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2009

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 27 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE 1997 PICK-UP AS SURPLUS
AND SOLICITE SEALED BIDS FOR SALE**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby declare the 1997 F250 4X4 blue pick-up as surplus equipment and authorizes selling said truck by sealed bid.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

New Business:

Economic Development- Discussion regarding assisting any potential buyer of the Catholic Church property by offering to enter into some type of agreement for tying into the Town's septic system. The property currently has no water or septic and the size of the property limits what a potential buyer would be able to do. The Town Board wants to help in any way possible to make the property more viable for developing. Councilman Hill says the buyer would have to share some cost of using the septic, but that could be determined later. Councilman Olson agreed that taxpayers should "not be on the hook for costs". Supervisor Bentley said the sewer was designed for the school, so we have plenty of leeway with room. Supervisor Bentley said that Counselor Schachner said there would be no problem working out some type of agreement. After further discussion regarding leech-field and logistics of pumping, the Board members were all in agreement to do this for nominal fee to tie in.

Economic Development Effort- Councilman Olson said he has been working on behalf of the Town to look for ways to attract attention to our Community. Councilman Olson spoke of the formation of the Mill Pond District and said we need to be pro-active about this and push for help. Councilman Olson has asked Town Historian Colleen Murtagh to work out a special date for a summer celebration.

Tom Johansen said that August 1st is the Craft Fair at the Horicon Community Center and perhaps something could be worked around that. Councilman Dooris said he is working on "exploratory committee ideas" that would include community groups such as the Fire Company, Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Library and perhaps the Youth Group through Nancy Harrison. Councilman Dooris would like to see the fireworks and games like the Town used to have. Hopefully we can come up with a program for the summer of 2010. Supervisor Bentley said bed tax money could be used for fireworks and planning such an undertaking. Councilman Dooris will start working on a list of names of people who have shown interest and bring it to the Board next month. Tom Johansen said that years ago Horicon had a Fair and it would be nice to bring that back. Councilman Olson said he would be glad to work on it with Councilman Dooris.

Training for ZBA & Planning Members: Councilman Dooris spoke of the 4 hours of mandated training for members of these Boards and suggested it be changed to 6 hours of mandated training. He also wants to look into having another training session here, like

the one Mark Schachner did last year. Councilman Dooris said we need to give new people as much help as possible and Councilman Olson added "if we have it here we can gear it to rural area". Councilman Olson said NYS has specific courses for new Planning and Zoning Board members and he will contact the Department of State to see if they still offer courses for new members.

Direct Deposit: Councilman Hill said that some employees are interested in having direct deposit for their paychecks. He suggests the Town get started arranging it as many places already have this in place. The Board agreed to have bookkeeping begin the process of putting this into practice.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 28 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF "CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION OF CORPORATION" FOR TD BANKNORTH

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Ralph Bentley and Deputy Supervisor Frank Hill to execute the "Municipal Master Signer Certificate" for the Town of Horicon. This certificate is effective for one year and is on file with TD Banknorth.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 29 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following budget transfer:

Highway

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5130.4 (Mach.Con.)	5130.2 (Mach. Equip.)	\$ 345.05
9060.8 (Health Ins.)	9010.8 (NYS Ret.)	\$11,936.00

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2009

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 30 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS (IF NECESSARY) FOR LOAN UNTIL BONDING IS COMPLETED

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon authorizes the transfer of money in the sum of \$82,000.00 in the event the Bond Anticipation Note money is not received prior to the arrival of the 2009 Sterling LT9500 Truck previously approved by the Board, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this money will be transferred to the Capital Projects Code from the General Fund and the General Fund will be reimbursed from the Capital Projects Fund when the Bond Anticipation Money is received.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Hill introduced Res. 31 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LIBRARY TRUSTEES

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby re-appoint Betty Jean Morehouse to another term on the Board of Trustees of the Horicon Free Public Library. New term to end on December 31, 2013, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Joan Johnson to finish out the now vacant term of Zena Mann. Term to expire on December 31, 2009.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Olson introduced Res. 32 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES TO CAST VOTE FOR THE TOWN OF HORICON AT ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint the following Town Officials to cast the vote for the Town of Horicon at the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns Meeting in New York City on February 18, 2009: Paul Maniacek, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that in the absence of Mr. Maniacek the following named person has been designated to cast the vote of the Town of Horicon: Gary McMeekin.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Privilege of Floor-

Mr. Harry Balz presented the Town Board with a photo album depicting the entire project of rebuilding the Starbuckville Dam. Supervisor Bentley thanked Mr. Balz for this outstanding documentation of this historic project. Mr. Balz has already gifted the Town with photo albums of the building of the Community Center and the new Highway Garage. The Board then retired to executive session at 7:40 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Dooris, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley announced that session is to discuss personnel. After Executive Session, the Board returned to regular session at 8:10 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Higgins, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley announced that personnel had been discussed and the following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 33 OF 2009

Messrs. Higgins & Dooris introduced Res. 33 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint John Goode to the position of Deputy Zoning Officer. Deputy Goode will have full authority to act as Zoning Officer in the absence of Mr. McMeekin. Compensation will be taken from the Zoning Code Personal Code and will be paid on an hourly basis of \$15.00 per hour, plus mileage.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

This being all the business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Higgins, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk